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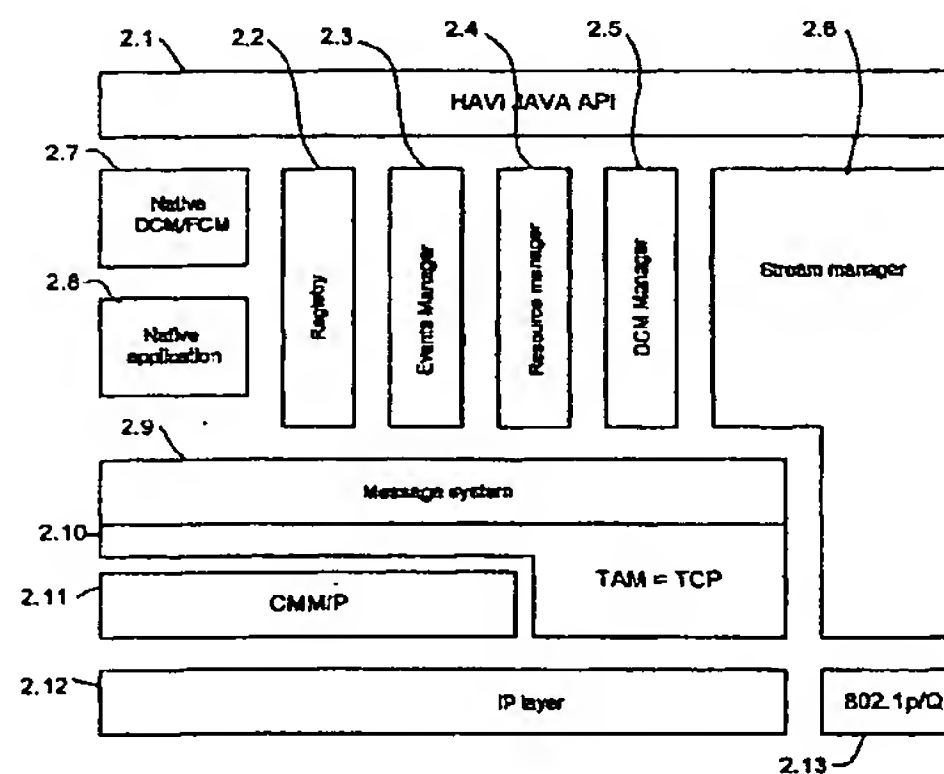
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to audio and video interoperability over networks based on network technologies other than the 1394 bus. The invention relates more particularly to a method of discovery, by a device connectable to a communication network, of the other devices connected to this network, which comprises a step of connection of the device to the said network, a step of despatching of an announcement message containing autodescription information describing the device destined for all the other devices connected to this network, a step of despatching of an autodescription information request message to all the other devices connected to this network and a step of reception of a response message from each of the other devices of the network containing the autodescription information of this other device. The invention also relates to a device connectable to a network which possesses means for despatching an announcement message, containing autodescription information describing it, to all the other devices in the network, means for despatching a message for requesting autodescription information to all the other devices in the network and means for receiving the response messages containing information describing each of the other devices of the network.

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